

TO END DISPUTE BY ARBITRATION

Master Plumbers and Journeymen Agree to Abide by Decision of Board.

It was announced at the meeting of the Allied Building Trades, held in the Corcoran building last night, that the last paper in the controversy between the master plumbers and the journeymen had been signed by both parties, and that counsel for the two parties would this week present the evidence to the arbitration board. Arguments will then be made on the questions in dispute which led to the lockout last March.

The paper signed pledges the master plumbers and the journeymen to abide by the award made by the arbitration board. A decision from the board is expected within the next ten days.

Arbitration by the master plumbers and the journeymen was brought about through the decisive action of the Allied Building Trades with the co-operation of the Master Builders' Associations, the latter part of last August. But it was only after another meeting between the Master Builders' Associations and the Allied Building Trades on the 23d of last month that the master plumbers were finally brought to accept the situation.

BOLD FLIM-FLAMMERS VICTIMIZE WHITE MAN

Charley Crosby, colored, of 1019 Eighteenth street northwest, reported to the police of No. 7 station yesterday that he had been robbed of \$48.50 by two negroes, who successfully called out a remarkably bold flim-flam game.

Crosby says that he was standing on the corner of Seventh and H streets Friday afternoon, when he was approached by a colored man, about twenty-five years old, who told him he had just found a \$50-bill. The negro told Crosby he would give him \$1.50 if he would change it.

Taking a roll of bills from his pocket, Crosby counted out the change, and handed it over. He was given the \$50-bill and \$1.50 for his trouble, and was thinking it was about the easiest money he had ever made, when a second colored man ran up behind him.

Before Crosby had a chance to pocket the bill the second negro snatched it from his hand, and ran down the street. The other colored man also disappeared.

SMALL BOY DISAPPEARS; HIS PARENTS ALARMED

The police last night sent out a general alarm for Lester Clark, thirteen years old, who has been missing since December 2. The boy's parents have become greatly alarmed over his disappearance.

Lester is described as small for his age, light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, and a scar on back of left hand. He wore tan corduroy trousers, dark-colored coat and a light fedora hat.

ANVIL OVER 500 YEARS OLD OWNED BY WASHINGTON MAN

Once Property of Mormon Blacksmith Driven From Illinois in 1843.

A rusted anvil, said to be 500 years old—believed to be the very anvil upon which the armor of Capt. John Smith, the hero of the early English settlers in Virginia, was forged—is the valued possession of A. A. Thatcher, of 50 M street northwest. The steel resembles an anchor more than an up-to-date anvil.

A real tinge of romance, however, surrounds the instrument, for it is a relic of the days when Mormonism was rampant in the little town of Nauvoo, Ill. The anvil was used in forging some of the parts of the First Temple, built in Nauvoo, which was later burned and sacked by indignant citizens who determined to drive Mormonism before them into the bottomless pit.

"I was born in Keosauqua, Iowa," said Mr. Thatcher, in recounting the history of the anvil. "My native town was just across the river from Nauvoo, the home of Mormonism, and I can remember much of the city as it used to be.

Crusade Against Mormons.

"In 1842, when I was about fourteen years old, the Gentiles, or people who were un-Mormon in their beliefs, began a systematic crusade against the Mormons and a fight for the possession of the town of Nauvoo ensued. As a result, Joseph Smith, the then prophet of the faith, was arrested by a mob of frantic men and women and thrown in jail at Nauvoo. The mob, not content to arrest him, shot him to death as he sat in the window of his cell room.

"With the death of their leader, the Mormons began to pack up and start for the great Salt Lake desert, their land of promise. Brigham Young succeeded to the prophethood, and he led the faithful to Utah. Many started for the new country early in the spring, but many simply came across to my home in Iowa and remained there during the summer and following winter.

"Among those was a Mormon blacksmith. He was Elisha Malroy, a dignitary of the church and husband of two wives. He lived in Keosauqua until early in the next year, and on his departure for the new city of the Mormons, sold the anvil to the man who had harbored him during the winter.

"When I grew up I learned the black-



A. A. THATCHER,
Owner of Anvil Said to Be Five Hundred Years Old.

smith's trade and worked in the same little town in Iowa where I was born. When I was twenty-five years old my employer died, and in his shop was found this anvil. I became anxious to own it and finally bought it from his widow.

"I used the anvil for more than forty years, and it has not as yet been nicked. The date on the steel is 1496, just 500 years ago.

"Several years ago I started out to find a history of the anvil, but have been unsuccessful in so doing. I can trace it as far back as 1800, but can go no further."

Mr. Thatcher is seventy-five years old, and was well-known as a smithy of skill throughout the country neighborhood where for more than fifty years he resided. For the last few years he has been in Washington.

LEADERS DISCUSS RAILROAD STRIKE

Upon Result of Conference at New York Depends Issue.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—There is an air of expectancy about the headquarters of the yard men of the railways entering this city, who are considering the question whether they shall on Monday next inaugurate a strike to enforce their demands upon the railway managements. So far they have been refused.

It is predicted that unless the railways accede to the demands the first of the new year will see one of the greatest strikes the city has ever known.

Upon the result of the conference between the two heads now in New York of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen with the chief officers of the other organizations affected, will depend the issue.

If a strike is ordered it will affect the yard conductors, yard brakemen, and other yard employees, and the freight handlers of every line entering this city except the New York Central and New York, New Haven and Hartford Companies, which have effected a settlement of the difficulty with their men.

SPEEDWAY ASSAULT CLAIM OF KIDWELL

Morris Kidwell, thirty-five years old, of Five Oaks, Va., was removed to the Emergency Hospital late yesterday afternoon, suffering from a fractured nose, and painful injuries to his head and face, which, he says, he received by being run down while on the speedway, after which the driver of the vehicle struck him several times with the butt of a whip.

Kidwell told the police that he started to cross in front of the horse, but stumbled and fell in such a manner that he was kicked by the animal. The driver, who was accompanied by a woman, he says, immediately drew rein, jumped out, and began beating him with his fists and struck him several times with the whip.

The man and woman drove away before a policeman arrived.

POST GAME LAW SIGNS IN SUBURBAN SECTIONS

Cloth signs, with abstracts of certain sections of the District game laws relating to the killing of birds, carrying of firearms, etc., were posted yesterday afternoon in conspicuous places in the suburban sections of the city. Ignorance on the part of sportsmen, it is claimed by the police, has been responsible for many violations of the regulations.

FUNERAL OF MRS. O'NEILL TO BE HELD AT HER HOME

The funeral of Mrs. Rosalie O'Neill, of 1716 F street northwest, who died Friday of tuberculosis, will be held from her home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. Richard Williams will conduct the services and the burial will be in Congressional Cemetery.

LAWYER PATRICK GROWING UNEASY

Fears Governor Higgins Will Not Save Him From Death Chair.

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Never before during the five years of his incarceration in the death house at Sing Sing prison has Albert T. Patrick felt such great anxiety over his case as now. Patrick's last hope to escape the electric chair is that Governor Higgins will take favorable action in his case before he goes out of office on January 1.

Having withdrawn his case from the United States court, contrary to the advice of some of his lawyers, he now has no other alternative but to make an appeal for executive clemency to the governor.

It is said that Mrs. Patrick, who visits her husband regularly twice a week, will personally appear before Governor Higgins and plead with him to commute the death sentence.

BARREL BREAKS HIS LEG.

James E. Donaldson, forty-nine years old, of 124 Seventh street northeast, was unloading an express wagon at Connecticut avenue and K street last evening, when a barrel of whiskey fell on his leg, fracturing the limb. He was removed to the Emergency Hospital in an ambulance.



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